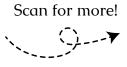
# Azathioprine

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# What this medication is used for

Widely used for children and adults with



## How this medication works

Azathioprine impacts the immune system to reduce inflammation.



### How to use this medication

Available as a tablet

- -Generally given once daily
- -It can take 6 -12 weeks to work. Keep taking your medication.



### Where treatment is administered

Fill your prescription at your pharmacy.



# Special tests done prior to starting

Blood tests may be done prior to starting.

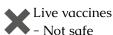


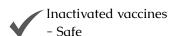
## How long to use this medication

This medication will be used to get your IBD under control and keep it under control longterm. Other medications may be used with Azathioprine.



#### Vaccines







## Monitoring during treatment

- -Regular blood work will be done to monitor for side effects to medication. The frequency of the blood work will be determined by your healthcare team.
- -Stool tests, endoscopy and/or other imaging will be done to monitor for response to medication.
- The amount of azathioprine in your blood can be monitored to make sure you are taking enough and not taking too much.



## Side Effects

- -Nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain may occur. Take with food to lessen these side effects.
- -Temporary hair loss, skin rashes, inflammation of pancreas and liver, and decreased bone marrow function may occur
- -Medications that affect the immune system may be associated with developing infections and very rarely cancer.
- -For patients with increased risk for skin cancer, exposure to sunlight and UV light should be limited, and patients should wear protective clothing and use a sunscreen with a high protection factor.



# When I should call my doctor

Please call if:

- -You want to or have already stopped the
- -If you are concerned about any side effects

Other reasons to call your doctor:

- -If you have a fever or think you have an infection
- -If you become pregnant
- -Nausea, vomiting or abdominal pain